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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Member  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
Washington D.C. 20515

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Dear Congressman Waxman:

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Ranking Member  
House Natural Resources Committee  
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The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Health  
Washington D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska native Affairs  
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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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